



At the time of Joseph Weston's death in 1814, his estate included Cranberry Cottage (his homestead), a large barn and the surrounding acres on the easterly side of the highway in Millbrook. It was divided among his 10 living children and his widow. The portion which Joseph II (1783-1871) inherited was the property on which Haviland's house now stands. This included the northwest corner of the barn. In 1811, Joseph II had married Anna Cushman (daughter of George Cushman Sr. and Ann Berry) and by 1814 had 2 children so it is safe to assume that he built his home as soon as he possessed the land. His brother Thomas was already established just north of him and his uncle Peleg Weston had built the most imposing house in the neighborhood across the street. Joseph II's good sized Cape was placed close to the highway but facing south and, at the time, also faced the back of the family homestead but within six years, his brother Joshua had built Aghjayan's house between them and close to Joseph.

Joseph II lived in this house for the rest of his life (1871) and there were 9 children in the family among whom were Anna (1817-1899) who married Elisha Sampson Jr.--the neighbor next door in Aghjayan's house. Another child, Joseph III, married Selina Sampson. Elisha Jr. and Selina were children of Elisha Sampson and Lucy Weston. After Lucy's death, Elisha Sr. married Rebecca Weston Paulding and they lived in what is now Jackson Kent's house at the top of the lane between Cranberry Cottage and Aghjayan's house. It can be seen that most of the houses in the vicinity were inhabited by Westons or Weston connections. The heirs of Joseph II sold his house in 1872 to Lydia S. Simmons.

In 1833 Lydia Delano had married Joseph Simmons. Their children were George, Sally T. and Mary O. (who married a Chandler). In 1886, after Lydia's death, the heirs sold the property to Edward Y. Perry for \$600. Apparently he bought it for an investment and in 1896 he sold it to Mrs. Eleanor Grueby (wife of Charles). She was a Sampson from Green Harbor. Mr. Grueby worked for Duxbury Coal and Lumber Co. and seems to have been relatively well-to-do. At Mrs. Grueby's death the house was sold in 1912 and changed hands several times--perhaps to settle the estate. In 1915, Dr. Frank Sherman of Newton purchased it for a summer home. The property now contained 1 3/4 acres. By this time a large porch had been added in front, dormer windows on the front and back and bow windows downstairs on the north and east. The back ell, which contains a well, is the kitchen, and another ell, beside the kitchen and 2 stories high, was originally a cobbler's shop, we are told.

In 1945, Alexander Haviland bought the house. He has lived there with his sister since that time--in the house built by Joseph Weston in 1814.

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